

August 7, 2006

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Grassley:

I am writing to you to ask that you oppose the following duty suspension bills submitted in the House and Senate. These bills are **1,2 Octanediol HR 2155, 1,2 Hexanediol HR 2173, S2853** and **1,2 Pentanediol HR 2161, S2406**.

Dixie chemical Company headquartered in Houston with manufacturing facilities in Pasadena, Texas is currently making an investment to upgrade their manufacturing capabilities of these products. We have already begun commercial manufacture of 1,2 Octanediol and will begin manufacture of the other two materials in the 4th quarter of 2006. Suspension of import duty on these products would have a negative impact on Dixie's investment plans, research program and jobs in the Harris County area. Based on these facts, we ask that you oppose these bills.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

Best Regards,

Malcolm Johnson
Vice President

MPJ:isc